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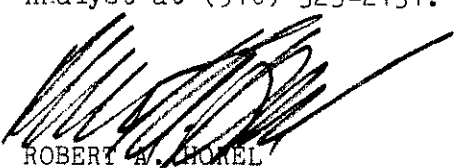
ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-54-91

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AMERASIAN CITIZENS' ELIGIBILITY FOR CASH ASSISTANCE AND
REFUGEE SERVICES

Enclosed for your information is a letter to County Refugee Coordinators transmitting the policy that Amerasian citizens' are eligible for cash assistance and refugee services, provided that they meet certain conditions, as outlined in the letter.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Refugee Program Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.


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Enclosure

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Refugee Coordinator Letter 91-12

Some Counties have reported Amerasians arriving in the United States (U.S.) with U.S. passports, thus making them U.S. citizens. The purpose of this letter is to clarify the policy regarding these Amerasian citizens' eligibility for cash assistance and for refugee services.

Public Law (PL) 100-461, October 1, 1988, states that section (c) of Section 584 of PL 100-202 (The Homecoming Act), which allows Amerasian immigrants eligibility for refugee cash assistance and services, is also applicable to Amerasians that meet certain conditions, as follows:

- 1) under the provisions of the Homecoming Act, the Amerasian must have departed from Vietnam during the period described in PL 100-202; March 1988 through March 1990. This date, however, has been extended per PL 101-167, November 21, 1989, which amends the two-year time period described in PL 100-202 by striking the two-year limitation;
- 2) the Amerasian must meet criteria in PL 100-202, which requires that the Amerasian immigrant establish that he/she was born after January 1, 1962 and before January 1, 1976, and was fathered by a U.S. citizen, and;
- 3) meets the above criteria, but is an Amerasian U.S. citizen rather than an immigrant.

Further, Amerasian U.S. citizens are eligible for refugee services per the Targeted Assistance (TA) Final Notice, Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 72, April 13, 1990, page 13976, Section III and the Refugee Employment Social Services (RESS) Notice, Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 70, April 11, 1990. These sources indicate, respectively, that TA projects fall under the Immigration and Nationality Act as it references a section regarding assistance to refugees, which includes certain Amerasians who are U.S. citizens. The RESS Notice makes an exception to the requirement that U.S. citizens cannot receive refugee services by allowing services to Amerasians that are U.S. citizens.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.

Sincerely,

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